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1. In the absence of President Berger, who was travelling in the interior of Guatemala, the Ambassador delivered reftel points to FM Briz.

2. Briz said Guatemala was willing to be very active in a coordinated effort to promote the candidacy of Flores for OAS Secretary General. He noted that Central American foreign

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ministers would meet in Tegucigalpa the night of January 31 before the presidential summit the following day. Briz volunteered that a primary issue in Tegucigalpa would be the division of labor among the Central Americans supporting the Flores candidacy.

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